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Fill in this information to identify your case:		
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	_	
Case number (if known)	_ Chapter you are filing under:	
	☐ Chapter 7	
	☐ Chapter 11	
	☐ Chapter 12	
	Chapter 13	Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Par	t 1: Identify Yourself		
		About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
1.	Your full name		
your government-is picture identificatio	Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's	Michael First name	First name
	license or passport).	Middle name	Middle name
	Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.	Tomasovich Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)
2.	All other names you have used in the last 8 years		
	Include your married or maiden names.		
3.	Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)	xxx-xx-1765	

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About Debtor 1: About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): Any business names and **Employer Identification** Numbers (EIN) you have I have not used any business name or EINs. ☐ I have not used any business name or EINs. used in the last 8 years Include trade names and Business name(s) Business name(s) doing business as names EINs EINs Where you live If Debtor 2 lives at a different address: 9473 Waterfall Glen Blvd. Darien, IL 60561 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code **DuPage** County County If your mailing address is different from the one If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this notices to you at this mailing address. mailing address. Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Why you are choosing Check one: Check one: this district to file for bankruptcy Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, have lived in this district longer than in any other I have lived in this district longer than in any district. other district. I have another reason. I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.) Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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7.	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are	Check or	aa (Fara b					
		(Form 20			each, see <i>Notice Re</i> ge 1 and check the a			uals Filing for Bankruptcy
	choosing to file under	☐ Chapter 7						
		☐ Chapter 11						
		☐ Chap	ter 12					
		Chan	ter 13					
3.	How you will pay the fee	ab ord	out how yo	u may pay. Typica attorney is submitt	lly, if you are paying	the fee yourself	, you may pay with cash	r local court for more details n, cashier's check, or money h a credit card or check with
					ments. If you choose Official Form 103A).	e this option, sig	his option, sign and attach the Application for Individuals to Pay	
		☐ Ire	equest tha	t my fee be waive	d (You may request	this option only	if you are filing for Chap	oter 7. By law, a judge may,
		bu	t is not req	uired to, waive you	r fee, and may do so	only if your inco	ome is less than 150% of	of the official poverty line that this option, you must fill out
							orm 103B) and file it with	
).	Have you filed for bankruptcy within the	□ No.						
	last 8 years?	Yes.						
			District	NDIL	When	1/21/16	Case number	16-01764
			District		When		Case number	
			District		When		Case number	
10.	Are any bankruptcy	■ No						
	cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is	☐ Yes.						
	not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?	□ res.						
			Debtor				Relationship to y	/ou
			District		When		Case number, if	known
			Debtor				Relationship to y	/ou
			District		When		Case number, if	known
11.	Do you rent your residence?	■ No.	Go to li	ine 12.				
	residence:	☐ Yes.	Has yo	ur landlord obtaine	ed an eviction judgme	ent against you	and do you want to stay	in your residence?
				No. Go to line 12.				
				Yes. Fill out <i>Initial</i> bankruptcy petitio		Eviction Judgm	nent Against You (Form	101A) and file it with this

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public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?

> For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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Part 5:

Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

 Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

Incapa	

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

□ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

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Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

I am not required to receive a briefing about credit
counseling because of:

☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

☐ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Document Page 6 of 17 Case number (if known) **Michael Tomasovich** Debtor 1 Part 6: **Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes** 16. What kind of debts do 16a. Are your debts primarily consumer debts? Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." you have? ■ No. Go to line 16b. Yes. Go to line 17. 16b. Are your debts primarily business debts? Business debts are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. ☐ No. Go to line 16c. ☐ Yes. Go to line 17. 16c. State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts 17. Are you filing under I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18. No. Chapter 7? Do you estimate that I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses ☐ Yes. after any exempt are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? property is excluded and administrative expenses ☐ No are paid that funds will ☐ Yes be available for distribution to unsecured creditors? 18. How many Creditors do **1**,000-5,000 **1** 25,001-50,000 1-49 you estimate that you **5001-10,000 5**0,001-100,000 **50-99** owe? **1**0,001-25,000 ☐ More than 100,000 **1**00-199 **200-999** 19. How much do you **\$0 - \$50,000** □ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion estimate your assets to □ \$50,001 - \$100,000 □ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million □ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion be worth? □ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million □ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion **\$100,001 - \$500,000** ☐ More than \$50 billion □ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million □ \$500,001 - \$1 million 20. How much do you □ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million ■ \$0 - \$50.000 □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion estimate your liabilities □ \$50,001 - \$100,000 □ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million □ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion to be? □ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million □ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion **\$100,001 - \$500,000** □ \$100.000.001 - \$500 million ☐ More than \$50 billion □ \$500,001 - \$1 million Part 7: Sign Below For you I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct. If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11,12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7. If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11. United States Code, specified in this petition. I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Signature of Debtor 2

/s/ Michael Tomasovich

Michael Tomasovich Signature of Debtor 1

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page. I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Michae	el S. Fabinski	Date	July 6, 2016	
Signature of	f Attorney for Debtor		MM / DD / YYYY	
MishaalO	Palificalit			
Michael S.	. Fabinski			
Printed name				
MSF Law				
Firm name				
One Linco	oln Center outterfield Road, Suite 1500			
Oakbrook	terrace, IL 60181			
Number, Street,	City, State & ZIP Code			
Contact phone	(630) 726-4609	Email address		
6315331				
Bar number & S	State			

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In re		Case No.	
	Debtor(s)		

FORM 1. VOLUNTARY PETITION

· Attachment A

DEBTOR(S)' REPRESENTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to promptly tender a security deposit to all utility companies.
- 2. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to provide copies of the 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 federal tax returns. Debtor has agreed to tender these tax returns to debtor's counsel by Federal Express no later than 10 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting). Debtor has agreed to tender these tax returns directly to the Chapter 13 Trustee by Federal Express no later than 7 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting), unless said tax returns were Federal Expressed to debtor's counsel no later than 10 days before the Section 341 meeting. Debtor understands further that the court could dismiss the case if the tax returns are not tendered on a timely basis.
- 3. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to provide copies of (a) all payment advices or other evidence of income received within 60 days before the date of the filing of the bankruptcy petition by the debtor from any employer of the debtor, and (b) proof of any 1099 or self employed income within 60 days before the date of the filing of the petition (hereinafter, collectively the "Payment Advices") . Said Payment Advices shall be provided to the trustee (or, if no trustee has been appointed to the United States trustee), and to any creditor who timely requests copies of the payment advices or other evidence of payment, at least seven days before the time of the meeting of creditors conducted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 341. Debtor has agreed to tender said Payment Advices to debtor's counsel by Federal Express no later than 10 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting). Debtor has agreed to tender said Payment Advices directly to the Chapter 13 Trustee and any requesting creditor by Federal Express no later than 7 days before the date first set for the first meeting of creditors (Section 341 meeting), unless said Payment Advices were Federal Expressed to debtor's counsel no later than 10 days before the Section 341 meeting. Debtor understands further that the court could dismiss the case if said Payment Advices are not tendered on a timely basis.
- 4. Debtor understands that it is Debtor's responsibility to complete an instructional course concerning personal financial management before the conclusion of the repayment plan. After completion of the instructional course, Debtor has agreed to tender a certificate of completion to debtor's counsel by Federal Express. Debtor has also agreed to file the certificate of completion with the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court at 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60604, unless a copy of said certificate is tendered to debtor's counsel via email or Federal Express and received at least 7 days prior to the case being closed. Debtor understands further that no discharge will be granted without the filing of said certificate of completion with the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court on a timely basis.
- 5. Debtor understands that prior to the final Chapter 13 plan payment debtor must complete and tender to debtor's counsel a "Declaration re Domestic Support Obligations" certifying that either (a) "During the pendency of this bankruptcy, I have not been required to pay a domestic support obligation by any order of a court or administrative agency or by any statute", or (b) "During the pendency of this bankruptcy case, I have paid all domestic support obligations that have become due under any order of a court, or administrative agency or under any statute. Debtor further understands that this declaration must be signed under penalty of perjury. Finally, debtor has been advised that the failure to complete and file said declaration would result in debtor not receiving a Chapter 13 discharge of debts.

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United States Bankruptcy CourtNorthern District of Illinois

In re	Michael Tomasovich		Case No.		
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	13	
	DISCLOSURE OF COM	PENSATION OF ATTOR	NEY FOR DE	BTOR(S)	
	Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. compensation paid to me within one year before the rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation.	e filing of the petition in bankruptcy,	or agreed to be paid	to me, for services rend	ered or to
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept		\$	4,000.00	
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have rece	ived	\$	1,000.00	
				3,000.00	
2. ′	The source of the compensation paid to me was:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
3. ′	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:				
	☐ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): C	hapter 13 Trustee			
4.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed	compensation with any other person u	unless they are memb	pers and associates of m	ıy law firm.
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed comcopy of the agreement, together with a list of the				firm. A
5.	In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed	I to render legal service for all aspects	of the bankruptcy c	ase, including:	
1	 a. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules b. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of c c. [Other provisions as needed] All items identified in the engagement 	reditors and confirmation hearing, and	d any adjourned hear	_	
5.	By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclos Exludes all items not specifically in agreement.			approved retention	
		CERTIFICATION			
	I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement pankruptcy proceeding.	of any agreement or arrangement for	payment to me for re	epresentation of the deb	tor(s) in
J	luly 6, 2016	/s/ Michael S. Fab	inski		
\overline{D}	Date	Michael S. Fabins			
		Signature of Attorney MSF Law	y		
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		Oakbrook terrace, (630) 726-4609	, IL 00101		
		Name of law firm			_

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHAPTER 13 DEBTORS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS

(Court-Approved Retention Agreement, Revised as of 4/20/2015)

Chapter 13 gives debtors important rights, such as the right to keep property that could otherwise be lost through repossession or foreclosure, but Chapter 13 also puts burdens on debtors, such as the burden of making complete and truthful disclosures of their financial situation. It is important for debtors who file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy case to understand their rights and responsibilities in bankruptcy. In this connection, the advice of an attorney is often crucial. Debtors are entitled to certain services from their attorneys, but debtors also have responsibilities to their attorneys. In order to assure that debtors and their attorneys understand their rights and responsibilities in the Chapter 13 process, the judges of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois have approved this agreement, setting out the rights and responsibilities of both debtors in Chapter 13 and their attorneys, including how their attorneys will be paid for their services in the Chapter 13 case. By signing this agreement, debtors and their attorneys accept these responsibilities.

The Bankruptcy Code may require a debtor's attorney to provide the debtor with certain documents and agreements at the start of the representation. The terms of this court-approved agreement take the place of any conflicting provision in an earlier agreement. This agreement cannot be modified in any way by other agreements. Any provision of another agreement between the debtors and the attorney that conflicts with this agreement is void.

A. BEFORE THE CASE IS FILED

THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

- 1. Discuss with the attorney the debtor's objectives in filing the case.
- 2. Provide the attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise, including properly documented proof of income.

THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

- 1. Personally counsel the debtor regarding the advisability of filing either a Chapter 13 or a Chapter 7 case, discuss both procedures (as well as non-bankruptcy options) with the debtor, and answer the debtor's questions.
- 2. Personally explain to the debtor that the attorney is being engaged to represent the debtor on all matters arising in the case, as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule, and explain how and when the attorney's fees and the trustee's fees are determined and paid.
- 3. Personally review with the debtor and sign the completed petition, plan, statements, and schedules, as well as all amendments thereto, whether filed with the petition or later. (The schedules may be initially prepared with the help of clerical or paralegal staff of the attorney's office, but personal attention of the attorney is required for the review and signing.)
- 4. Timely prepare and file the debtor's petition, plan, statements, and schedules.

- 5. Explain to the debtor how, when, and where to make all necessary payments, including both payments that must be made directly to creditors and payments that must be made to the Chapter 13 trustee, with particular attention to housing and vehicle payments.
- 6. Advise the debtor of the need to maintain appropriate insurance.

B. AFTER THE CASE IS FILED

THE DEBTOR AGREES TO:

- 1. Make the required payments to the trustee and to whatever creditors are being paid directly, or, if required payments cannot be made, to notify the attorney immediately.
- 2. Appear punctually at the meeting of creditors (also called the "341 meeting") with recent proof of income and a picture identification card. (If the identification card does not include the debtor's social security number, the debtor must also bring to the meeting a social security card.) The debtor must be present in time for check-in and when the case is called for the actual examination.
- 3. Notify the attorney of any change in the debtor's address or telephone number.
- 4. Inform the attorney of any wage garnishments or liens or levies on assets that occur or continue after the filing of the case.
- 5. Contact the attorney immediately if the debtor loses employment, has a significant change in income, or experiences any other significant change in financial situation (such as serious illness, marriage, divorce or separation, lottery winnings, or an inheritance).
- 6. Notify the attorney if the debtor is sued or wishes to file a lawsuit (including divorce.)
- 7. Inform the attorney if any tax refunds to which the debtor is entitled are seized or not received when due from the IRS or Illinois Department of Revenue.
- 8. Contact the attorney before buying, refinancing, or selling real property, and before entering into any loan agreement.
- 9. Supply the attorney with copies of all tax returns filed while the case is pending.

THE ATTORNEY AGREES TO:

- 1. Advise the debtor of the requirement to attend the meeting of creditors, and notify the debtor of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
- 2. Inform the debtor that the debtor must be punctual and, in the case of a joint filing, that both spouses must appear at the same meeting.
- 3. Provide knowledgeable legal representation for the debtor at the meeting of creditors (in time for check-in and the actual examination) and, unless excused by the trustee, for the confirmation hearing.
- 4. If the attorney will be employing another attorney to attend the 341 meeting or any court hearing, personally explain to the debtor in advance, the role and identity of the other

attorney and provide the other attorney with the file in sufficient time to review it and properly represent the debtor.

- 5. Timely submit to the Chapter 13 trustee properly documented proof of income for the debtor, including business reports for self-employed debtors.
- 6. Timely respond to objections to plan confirmation and, where necessary, prepare, file, and serve an amended plan.
- 7. Timely prepare, file, and serve any necessary statements, amended statements, and schedules and any change of address, in accordance with information provided by the debtor.
- 8. Monitor all incoming case information (including, but not limited to, Order Confirming Plan, Notice of Intent to Pay Claims, and 6-month status reports) for accuracy and completeness. Contact the trustee promptly regarding any discrepancies.
- 9. Be available to respond to the debtor's questions throughout the term of the plan.
- 10. Prepare, file, and serve timely modifications to the plan after confirmation, when necessary, including modifications to suspend, lower, or increase plan payments.
- 11. Prepare, file, and serve necessary motions to buy or sell property and to incur debt.
- 12. Object to improper or invalid claims.
- 13. Timely respond to the Chapter 13 trustee's motions to dismiss the case, such as for payment default, or unfeasibility, and to motions to increase the percentage payment to unsecured creditors.
- 14. Timely respond to motions for relief from stay.
- 15. Prepare, file, and serve all appropriate motions to avoid liens.
- 16. Provide any other legal services necessary for the administration of the case.

C. TERMINATION OR CONVERSION OF THE CASE AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1. Approved fees and expenses paid under the provisions set out below are generally not refundable in the event that the case is dismissed prior to its completion, unless the dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney to comply with the duties set out in this agreement. If such a dismissal is due to a failure by the attorney, the court may order a refund of fees on motion by the debtor.
- 2. If the case is dismissed after approval of the fees and expenses but before payment of all allowed fees and expenses, the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court allowing the fees and expenses is not a judgment against the debtor for the unpaid fees and expenses based on contract law or otherwise.
- 3. If the case is converted to a case under chapter 7 after approval of the fees and expenses under this agreement but before the payment of all fees and expenses, the attorney will be entitled to an administrative claim in the chapter 7 case for any unpaid fees and expenses, pursuant to section

726(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, plus any conversion fee the attorney pays on behalf of the debtor.

D. RETAINERS AND PREVIOUS PAYMENTS

- 1. The attorney may receive a retainer or other payment before filing the case but may not receive fees directly from the debtor after the filing of the case. Unless the following provision is checked and completed, any retainer received by the attorney will be treated as a security retainer, to be placed in the attorney's client trust account until approval of a fee application by the court.
 - ■The attorney seeks to have the retainer received by the attorney treated as an advance payment retainer, which allows the attorney to take the retainer into income immediately. The attorney hereby provides the following further information and representations:
 - (a) The special purpose for the advance payment retainer and why it is advantageous to the debtor is as follows:
 - Debtor(s) are paying a fixed, flat fee of \$4,000.00 for the legal services rendered in the Chapter 13 bankruptcy case. Debtor(s) understand that the entire fee shall be deemed earned when paid and that no refunds shall be given.
 - (b) The retainer will not be held in a client trust account and will become property of the attorney upon payment and will be deposited into the attorney's general account;
 - (c) The retainer is a flat fee for the services to be rendered during the chapter 13 case and will be applied for such services without the need for the attorney to keep detailed hourly time records for the specific services performed for the debtor;
 - (d) Any portion of the retainer that is not earned or required for expenses will be refunded to the client; and
 - (e) The attorney is unwilling to represent the debtor without receiving an advanced payment retainer because of the nature of the chapter 13 case, the fact that the great majority of services for such case are performed prior to its filing, and the risks associated with the representation of debtors in bankruptcy cases in general.
- 2. In any application for compensation the attorney must disclose to the court any fees or other compensation paid by the debtor to the attorney for any reason within the one year before the case filing.

E. CONDUCT AND DISCHARGE

- 1. *Improper conduct by the attorney*. If the debtor disputes the sufficiency or quality of the legal services provided or the amount of the fees charged by the attorney, the debtor may file an objection with the court and request a hearing.
- 2. *Improper conduct by the debtor*. If the attorney believes that the debtor is not complying with the debtor's responsibilities under this agreement or is otherwise engaging in improper conduct, the attorney may apply for a court order allowing the attorney to withdraw from the case.
- 3. Discharge of the attorney. The debtor may discharge the attorney at any time.

F. ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES

- 1. Any attorney retained to represent a debtor in a Chapter 13 case is responsible for representing the debtor on all matters arising in the case unless otherwise ordered by the court. For all of the services outlined above, the attorney will be paid a flat fee of \$4,000.00
- 2. In addition, the debtor will pay the filing fee required in the case of \$310.00
- 3. Before signing this agreement, the attorney has received, \$1,000.00 toward the flat fee, leaving a balance due of \$3,000.00; and \$0.00 for expenses, leaving a balance due for the filing fee of \$310.00
- 4. In extraordinary circumstances, such as extended evidentiary hearings or appeals, the attorney may apply to the court for additional compensation for these services. Any such application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered, showing the date, the time expended, and the identity of the attorney performing the services. The debtor must be served with a copy of the application and notified of the right to appear in court to object.

Date: June 23, 2016

Signed:

/s/ Michael Tomasovich
/s/ Michael S. Fabinski
Michael S. Fabinski
Attorney for the Debtor(s)

Debtor(s)

Do not sign this agreement if the amounts are blank.

Local Bankruptcy Form 23c

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In re	Michael Tomasovich	Debtor(s) Case No. Chapter	13
	VEF	RIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX	
	, 22	Number of Creditors:	38
	The above-named Debtor(s) l (our) knowledge.	hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and	d correct to the best of my
Date:	July 6, 2016	/s/ Michael Tomasovich Michael Tomasovich Signature of Debtor	

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